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## Viewing cable 08TOKYO3217, JAPAN'S VIEWS ON NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S VIEWS ON NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS

REF: STATE 122262

Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer. Reasons 1.4 (B) (D)

¶1. (C) On November 21, Embassy Tokyo political officer delivered reftel demarche regarding the Nicaraguan municipal elections to MOFA Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Division Principal Deputy Director Noritsugu Takahashi. Takahashi, who said Japanese officials had already noted remarks made by a United States government spokesperson, described the position as "clear and straight-forward." Tokyo agrees with the United States view "with regard to basics and tone-setting," however the "main point is how to do it - how to make it happen," he observed.

¶2. (C) Japan agrees with the concepts laid out in the Declaracion de la Mesa de Cooperantes, Takahashi continued. Two main principles of Tokyo's approach to Nicaragua are: a) non-interference in Nicaragua's internal politics, and b) promoting Nicaraguan democracy. Japanese officials would find it difficult to violate those principles and at the same time are looking to ways to "balance" the two.

¶3. (C) According to Takahashi, "Japan's behavior would follow the majority view established by the major donors." The Japanese government understands the United States plans to work with involved organizations to craft an international "voice" on Nicaragua. He concluded Japan would more likely be willing to follow the United States lead.  
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